

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-13, 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Noguchi ('525). Claims 6, 8 and 14
5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

10 1. Correction of the specification:

The typos of the specification as indicated by the Examiner in the Office action identified above have been corrected as set forth in the above amendment section. No new matter is introduced. Reconsideration of the amended specification is
15 therefore respectfully requested.

2. Rejection of claim 1 under 102(b):

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), for reasons of record that can be found on page 2 in the Office action
20 identified above, which is Part of Paper No./Mail Date 030904.

To overcome this rejection, claim 1 has been amended. The limitation in claim 8 that is found allowable by the Examiner has been added into claim 1. Claim 8 is accordingly canceled. No new matter is introduced. Reconsideration of the
25 once-amended claim 1 is therefore respectfully requested.

As claims 2-7 are dependent upon the once-amended claim 1, they should be allowable if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 2-7 is therefore politely
30 requested.

3. Rejection of claim 9 under 102(b):

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), for reasons

of record that can be found on pages 2-3 in the Office action identified above, which is Part of Paper No./Mail Date 030904.

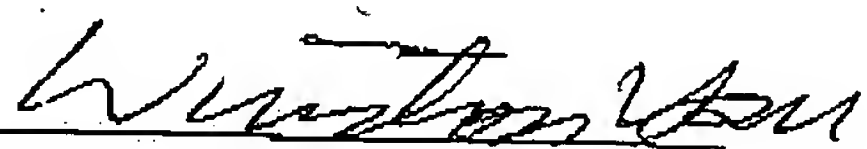
To overcome this rejection, claim 9 has been amended. The limitation in claim 14 that is found allowable by the Examiner has been added into claim 9. Claim 14 is accordingly canceled. No new matter is introduced. Reconsideration of the once-amended claim 9 is therefore respectfully requested.

As claims 10-15 are dependent upon the independent claim 9, they should be allowable if claim 9 is allowed. Reconsideration of Claims 10-15 is therefore politely requested.

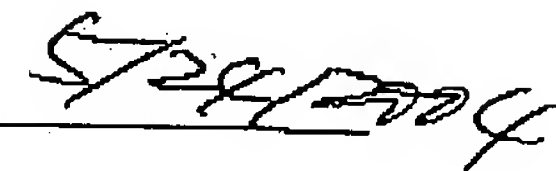
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